



Executive Room
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Mr. William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill,

I have just discovered today that I inadvertently recommended Major General Dick Larkin for award of the National Medal of Achievement, rather than the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal which he so richly deserves.

I believe that the routine board consideration process has been completed, and that the National Medal of Achievement was approved.

My purpose here is to ask you, as a personal and professional gesture, to over-ride the board and upgrade this decoration to the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal. Dick served the Community superbly during his tenure as Defense Attache in Moscow and later as my Chief of Staff and Deputy. He has earned the greatest honor.

Personal regards and thanks,

Eugene F. Tighe, Jr.
EUGENE F. TIGHE, JR.
Lieutenant General, USAF (Ret)

Joe - see that this is done & want General Tighe that I am pleased to upgrade General Larkin's award - that it was an oversight that the higher award was not made previously

Bill
Worth down
was a little surprised at the original recommendation
Bob

NFI B
Vote again - report
Wash
Talbot